

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 remain herein. Claim 1 has been amended and claim 7 has been added.

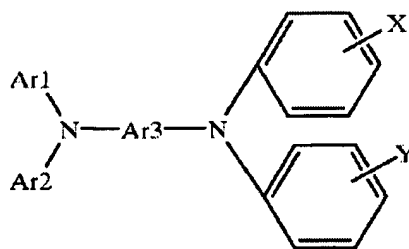
1. Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Koene et al. *Asymmetric Triaryldiamines as Thermally Stable Hole Transporting Layers for Organic Light-Emitting Devices*. Claim 1 as amended claims an aromatic amine derivative represented by the general formula A-L-B, wherein A and B each represents a diarylamino group of the recited formula, Ar¹ to Ar⁴ each independently representing a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 5 to 50 nuclear atoms, and the two diarylamino groups represented by A and B being not the same diarylamino group, wherein at least one of Ar¹ to Ar⁴ comprises a biphenyl group; and L represents a linking group comprising a biphenylene group or a terphenylene group.

Koene discloses a compound at page 2237 ("Chart 2") wherein the linking group is a phenyl group. Claim 1 herein claims a linking group L comprising a biphenylene group or a terphenylene group, which is not disclosed by Koene. Because Koene does not disclose each and every element of claim 1, it is not a proper basis for rejection under § 102. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

2. Claims 1, 2 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Satou U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0082400. As noted above, claim 1 herein claims an aromatic amine derivative represented by the general formula A-L-B, wherein L is a linking group comprising a biphenylene group or a terphenylene group.

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Satou discloses an EL device having a luminescent layer containing a compound represented by the following general formula.



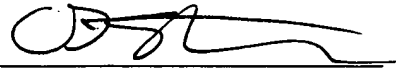
Satou discloses that Ar3 represents a substituted or unsubstituted arylene group, but does not specifically teach or suggest that Ar3 is a linking group comprising a biphenylene group or a terphenylene group. In fact, each embodiment disclosed in Satou includes a monophenylene linking group. Because Satou does not disclose each and every element of claim 1, it is not a proper basis for rejection under § 102. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

For all of the foregoing reasons, all claims 1-7 are now fully in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge or credit any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 19-4293. Should the Examiner deem that any further amendments would be desirable in placing this application in even better condition for issue, she is invited to telephone applicant's undersigned representative.

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Respectfully submitted,

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